



# Bishop Douglass Catholic School Parent Newsletter

25th March 2022

## Introduction



Thank you to those parents who attended the Year 10 Parent Evening this week. We were delighted to return to face to face meetings. We hope you found it useful.

A reminder to parents that the last day of term is next Friday, April 1st. This will be a non-uniform day and pupils will be asked to make a £1 donation to our Lenten Charity, raising money for the Ukraine. Pupils will be dismissed from 12:30pm.

If you can support other families by donating any uniform items that have been outgrown, these would be helpful. Similarly, if you are struggling to provide any items for your child, I know these are difficult times, please do get in touch with me directly at the school and we will do our very best to help you.

This is the final parent newsletter this term, as we await eagerly for The Douglass magazine to be published next week.

This is the last call for our Easter Egg collection, we will be distributing them next week. Your generosity is much appreciated. We hope that you have a safe and holy Easter break and we look forward to seeing students back on Tuesday 19th April, rejuvenated and fully prepared for the final term of the school year.

*Mrs Henderson, Head of School*

## Forthcoming events

### Monday 28th March

Whole school assessment week

### Wednesday 20th April

Year 9 Parents Evening

### Friday 22nd April

Sixth Form Taster Day

### Monday 25th April

Year 13 Economics trip

### Tuesday 3rd May

Selected students to visit The University of Oxford



# Good News



## E-praise winners!

This week's top e-praise earners are listed below. As we work towards the end of the term, and think ahead to our rewards assemblies, students are reminded that all students with more than 100 e-praise will be added to the termly Amazon draw. The draw will be done in the last week of term for each year group, with first prize being a £100 amazon voucher. We are also very excited for the termly e-praise breakfast that will be held next week for the top 5 e-praise earners in each year group.

Good luck all and keep working hard.

### Year 7

1st: ThierrySaldanha  
2nd: DontaeMillwood-francis  
3rd: JaydenWilson

### Year 8

1st: Jalal Edris  
2nd: Sara Dbouk  
3rd: Mariam Dbouk

### Year 9

1st: Rachel Nyarko Tibeiru  
2nd: Niko Baez-arranz  
3rd: Nila Nour

### Year 10

1st: Senuth Wimalaratne  
2nd: Aluk Acien  
3rd: Yazhini Siva

### Year 11

1st: Carolina Lorenzani Marques  
2nd: Hosam Kandil  
3rd: Anita Asadnejad

A reminder that e-praise can be spent in the e-praise shop (online) and items bought can be collected in the library. To log in to e-praise, students can select the sign in with Microsoft option and use their Microsoft Teams login



## Year 7 Parliament Talk

What is most important to you: education or health? On Tuesday 22nd March Year 7 were faced with this question as they were immersed in the multifaced nature of parliament.

We were lucky enough to welcome Nichola from the Parliament Engagement and Education Service who delivered an engaging assembly to help to equip students with a broad understand of how UK Parliament works and offer an insight into the roles and responsibilities of MPs and members of the House of Lords. Not only did we explore the origin of UK Parliament but we also had the opportunity to express our voices by discussing matters that were important to us.

When we were back in our classrooms, we spent some time finding out who our local MPs were and considered what issues were important to us and how our own voices could be heard via our local MPs. This was a great introduction to Parliament and has ignited the inner politician in a few of us at Bishop Douglass!



# This week...

## WORD OF THE DAY



### Monday

**Crochet** (Noun)

Is a process of creating textiles by using a crochet hook to interlock loops of yarn, thread, or strands of other materials. The name is derived from the French term *crochet*, meaning 'small hook'

### Tuesday

**Monotonous** (Adjective)

Dull, tedious, and repetitious; lacking in variety and interest; (Of a sound or utterance) lacking in variation in tone or pitch.

### Wednesday

**Hospitable** (Adjective)

Friendly and welcoming to visitors or guests; (Of an environment) pleasant and favourable for living in.

### Thursday

**Appease** (Verb)

Pacify or placate (someone) by acceding to their demands; Assuage or satisfy a demand or a feeling.

### Friday

**Fulcrum** (Noun)

The point against which a lever is placed to get a purchase, or on which it turns or is supported or balanced; A thing that plays a central or essential role in an activity, event, or situation.



“Vouloir c’est pouvoir”  
Where there is a will,  
there is a way.

## HISTORICAL FIGURE OF THE WEEK

### Elizabeth Garret Anderson



Life: June 1836 – Dec 1917

Country of Origin: England

Historical significance: Elizabeth Garrett Anderson was an English physician and suffragist. She was the first woman to qualify in Britain as a physician and surgeon. She was the co-founder of the first hospital staffed by women, the first dean of a British medical school, the first woman in Britain to be elected to a school board and, as mayor of Aldeburgh, the first female mayor in Britain.

**Context and Cultural Capital... eP/prizes available!**

To learn more about the real story of Elizabeth Garrett Anderson,

**Visit:** [https://www.bbc.co.uk/history/historic\\_figures/garrett\\_anderson\\_elizabeth.shtml](https://www.bbc.co.uk/history/historic_figures/garrett_anderson_elizabeth.shtml)

**Watch:** Sister Suffragette from Mary Poppins <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ds8cKgPdE6M&t=79s>

**Challenge:** What was the difference between Suffragists and Suffragettes?

**Create:** A poster campaigning for 'Votes for Women' like the Suffragists did.

**Explore:** The town of Aldeburgh; see what it has to offer: <https://www.aldeburgh.com/>

**Visit:** The Old Operating Theatre in London; the oldest surgery theatre in the UK.

## GEOGRAPHY FACT OF THE WEEK

The Archipelago of the Philippines is made up of 7,641 islands — several hundred more than the 7,107 islands scientists previously believed the country





# This week...

**PSHRSE Theme of the Half Term:**  
Inclusivity

**PSHE Focus of the Week:**  
Understanding the importance of inclusivity (Year 7-10)

Years 11-13 have had mock exams this week, so have been working on dealing with exam stress with their teachers.

Year 7-10 ensured they understand the importance of inclusivity by consolidating their learning of this half term. PSHRSE assessments will be released next week, and students are required to complete their Microsoft Form quiz online assessments over the Easter holiday. Your support with that would be greatly appreciated.

Please continue to discuss your child's PSHRSE learning with them at home, as you remain their primary and most fundamental educators of these important understandings. Thank you for your continued support with PSHRSE education this half term.

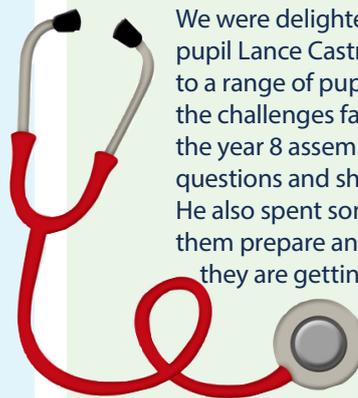


## Easter Egg Appeal

Throughout Lent we appeal for Easter Eggs from all pupils as part of our commitment to the Catholic ethos of charity at Bishop Douglass. We are delighted to have our first hamper and have had pupils bringing in eggs for the local Hospice, Old Persons home and Oak Lodge School.

## Careers

We were delighted on Thursday to welcome back to BD ex-pupil Lance Castro, who has a BSc in adult nursing. He spoke to a range of pupils about the skills needed for nursing and the challenges faced in the recent pandemic. Lance also let the year 8 assembly whereby the students asked insightful questions and showed a lot of interest in the profession. He also spent some time with selected sixth formers to help them prepare and understand what university will be like as they are getting ready to study adult nursing themselves.



## Highly Able

Over the past five weeks Highly Able KS3 pupils have been studying the conflict in Europe in Sage Club in B15 at 8:45 on Tuesday. They are writing up reports and developing their ability to process information and think critically about the world in which they live.



# Clubs & Societies

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>AM</b>		<b>Sage Club</b> Years 7-9 (B1.5)			<b>Mass</b> All year (Chapel)
<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Maths Club</b> Years 7-11 (A1.2) <b>String Group</b> All Years (E0.6) <b>Science Club</b> Year 7 (S0.6) <b>Wellbeing room</b> All Years (D0.1) <b>Bronze DofE</b> Year 9 (B2.3) <b>Volleyball</b> Years 7-9 <b>Fitness Suite</b> 6th Form	<b>History Club</b> Years 7-9 (A1.3) <b>Maths Club</b> Years 7-11 (A1.2) <b>String Ensemble</b> All Years (E0.6) <b>Wellbeing room</b> All Years (D0.1) <b>Portuguese Club</b> All Years (A1.1) <b>Spanish Cinema Club</b> All Years (A3.1) <b>KS3 Book Club</b> Years 7-9 (B3.3) <b>Volleyball</b> Years 10 & 11 <b>Music Club</b> All Years (E0.6)	<b>Cultural Exchange Club</b> All Years (D0.1) <b>Maths Club</b> Years 7-11 (A1.2) <b>Geography Society</b> Years 10-13 (B1.5) <b>Art Club</b> All Years (T1.1) <b>Girls' Multi Sports</b> All Years (Sports Hall) <b>Science Society</b> Year 9 (S0.6) <b>Music Club</b> All Years (E0.6) <b>Wellbeing room</b> All Years (D0.1)	<b>Drama Club</b> Years 7-9 (E0.4) <b>Maths Club</b> Years 7-11 (A1.2) <b>Beats and Bars</b> Years 10-13 (E0.6) <b>Silver DofE</b> Years 10-13 (B1.5) <b>Wellbeing room</b> All Years (D0.1) <b>Model United Nations</b> Years 10-13 (B1.4) <b>Spanish Cinema Club</b> All Years (A3.1) <b>Indoor Sports</b> Years 10&11 (Sports Hall) <b>Fitness Suite</b> All Years <b>6th Form History Society</b> (B1.3)	<b>Song in a Lunchtime</b> All Years (E0.6) <b>Wellbeing room</b> All Years (D0.1) <b>Chess Club</b> All Years (S0.4) <b>Climate Change Club</b> All Years (B1.5) <b>Formula One Club</b> All Years (C1.1) <b>Music Listening Club</b> All Years (A1.3)
<b>PM</b>	<b>Boys Football</b> Years 7-9 (Sports Hall) <b>Fitness</b> Years 10-13 (Sports Hall) <b>Music Practice Club</b> Years 11&13 (E0.6) <b>Trampoline Club</b> KS3 (Dance Studio) <b>Cooking Club</b> Year 10 (every second week)	<b>Table Tennis Club</b> All Years (Dance Studio) <b>Girls' Netball</b> Years 7-9 (Sports Hall) <b>Music Practice Club</b> Years 10&11 (E0.6 16:10-17:30) <b>Debate Mate</b> Years 7-10 (B3.3)	<b>Boys Basketball</b> Years 7-9 (Sports Hall) <b>Music Practice Club</b> Years 11-13 (E0.6) <b>KS4 Book Club</b> Years 10-11 (C3.2)	<b>Gardening Club</b> All Years (S0.9) <b>Girls' Football</b> Years 7-9 (Sports Hall) <b>Music Practice Club</b> Years 11-13 (E0.6) <b>Boys Basketball</b> Years 10-11 (Sports Hall)	<b>Chess Club</b> All Years (S0.4) <b>Outdoor Sports</b> Years 10-11 <b>Indoor Sports</b> Years 11-13 <b>Music Practice Club</b> Years 11-13 (E0.6)

## Clubs Focus

We are very excited to announce the launch of Coding Club, this will be open to students in years 7 to 10 on a first come first serve basis. The club will be led by a year 10 student who has a lot of Coding experience and is keen to share his knowledge.

I look forward to sharing more news about this exciting Club with you once it has been launched.

Tuesday lunchtime in B1.5

